

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

On the base of the box element 6 there is mounted advantageously a damping and/or braking device 13 suitable to reduce releases which take place during the opening and/or closing phases of the doors, reducing noise and allowing these phases to take place comfortably and smoothly. This device 13 comprises, as illustrated in Figure 5, a housing formed of an appropriately shaped casing 14 to allow fixing thereof to the box element 6, and of a base disc 22. Advantageously assembly of damping device 13 and box element 6 can also take place by means of the same pins 7, 8, about which the second ends of the rockers 2 and 3 respectively pivot, said pins passing through the corresponding holes 70, 71 of the casing 14 and the holes 80, 81 of the box element 6. The base of the casing 14 has is provided with a hole or opening 15, substantially rectangular, to allow a connection element 16, fixed to the lower end of the rocker 3 or integral therewith, to engage in a corresponding seat 17 provided on a slider 18, thereby controlling translation of said slider in a first or second direction 100 corresponding to the pivoting direction of the hinge. The slider 18 has a series of peripheral teeth 19 which are suitable to engage arms 20 projecting from the

perimeter of cylinders 21, to produce a pivoting of said cylinders about the axis thereof. The cylinders 21 are housed inside the casing 14, closed underside by a base disc 22, and are immersed in a viscous medium. Thanks to the pivoting motion of the cylinders and to the friction of the surfaces thereof with the viscous medium the efficiency of damping is improved. In this way, in fact, the total friction surface with the viscous medium is considerably increased without any variations to the overall dimensions of standard hinges.